

Job Service Report to the JSEC

June 2, 2009

1. NEW Bureau in Department of Labor: The 21st Century Workforce Bureau came into being in the last couple of months, and the Bureau Chief, Dave Morey, paid our office a visit on his way to a meeting up north May 5th. The new Bureau will include the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) Staff, Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG), Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development (WIRED), and Apprenticeship and Training.
2. International Association of Workforce Professionals: Job Service Staff belong to this professional organization—IAWP. Dawn Guenzi is the current Treasurer for Montana's Chapter. She attended the bi-annual meeting May 7 and 8 in Missoula.
3. Programs: Enrolled 4 workers in WIRED last month, and enrollments continue. Sage Truck Driver Training begins Monday, June 8th through DCC. Glendive Job Service WIRED funds will pay for 5 students. We acquired a Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) from Kalispell. Darla is working with her. She is enrolling in DCC's summer session and will continue her education through DCC. Our Program Years end on June 30th. We are exactly on track with our WIA Adult expenditures, and have begun to expend ARRA dollars.
4. Americas Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA): REMINDER: Funds available for training by Job Service in Glendive: \$17,000. The focus of these training dollars is "green jobs" and energy jobs, with consideration to high growth/high demand jobs (health care field fits in here).
5. Governor's Interagency Rapid Response Initiative: Job Service will host a Community Resources and Job Fair on Thursday, June 4th. We have 33 organizations and businesses signed up for booths at the Fair, which will be held at the EPEC from 3 to 7p.m. The purpose is to get unemployed and underemployed individuals the assistance they need to maintain until they get back on their feet.
6. Much of our May activity has been job seeker/training seeker related. April's Unemployment Rate for Dawson County was 4.2 %compared to 2.7% 4 months earlier. BNSF has laid off around a dozen workers—BN is a very important piece of our local economy. We have not handled UI at the local level for more than a decade, but we still assist those who need to file. The people who come to us for assistance really do need the help.

JOB SERVICE CORE VALUES: ♦ Customer Focus ♦ Individual Responsibility
♦ Individual Growth ♦ Ethics in the Workplace ♦ Continuous Improvement